IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 03-912)

In re Application of:	)	
Robert A West et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3691
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Serial No.: 10/680,455	)	Confirmation No.: 4509
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Filed: October 7, 2003	)	Examiner: Shrestha, Bijendra K
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner,

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the finding of allowable subject matter for this application.

Applicant reminds the Examiner that the related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/950,916 is in a different art unit (3696) and before a different Examiner (Samica A. Norman). U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/950,916 was recently allowed and two U.S. Patents were newly cited in the corresponding notice of allowance.

At this time, Applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) citing the two U.S. Patents for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant submits that the present application remains in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits notice of allowance. If the Examiner believes that further dialog would expedite consideration of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Adam Faier at (312) 698-6003 or the undersigned attorney or agent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 4, 2010

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